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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

OOI ET AL.

Examiner

Douglas M. Menz

Art Unit

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 October 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-9 and 14-23 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election with traverse of Species I, claims 10-13, in the reply filed on 10/9/06 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that there would be no serious burden to the examiner if the entire application is examined. This is not found persuasive because distinct species of the claimed invention are present and the current examiner of record has not conducted a search on such.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 10-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Takeuchi et al. (US 6586827).

Regarding claim 10, Takeuchi discloses a semiconductor device substrate (Figs. 1-9), comprising:

A substrate layer including an insulating layer (1, Figs. 1-9) and an interconnection layer (10, Figs. 1 and 9), the insulating layer and the interconnection layer being stacked;

An electronic component (4, Figs. 1, 3-9) buried in the insulating layer (1, Figs. 1-9), a bump (90, Figs. 1, 8-9) being formed on the electronic component acting as an electrode of the electronic component; and

A base layer (16, Figs. 1 and 9) that is in contact with the insulating layer of the substrate layer and having an opening (vias) formed at a portion corresponding to the electronic component to expose at least an end of the bump (Figs. 1, 9 and Col. 3).

Regarding claim 11, Takeuchi further discloses wherein the bump (90) projects through the substrate layer so as to be connectable to an externally provided semiconductor element (Figs. 1, 8-9 and Col. 3).

Regarding claim 12, Takeuchi further discloses wherein the bump (90) projects from a surface of the electronic component facing the opening so as to be connectable to an externally provided semiconductor element (Figs. 1, 8-9 and Col. 3).

Regarding claim 13, Takeuchi further discloses wherein the substrate layer has a depressed portion (7, Fig. 6) between the opening and the electronic component to expose the bump (Col. 3).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Douglas M. Menz whose telephone number is 571-272-1877. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bill Baumeister can be reached on 571-272-1722. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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